

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2833–S2946

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2218–2222, S.J. Res. 30, and S. Res. 322. **Pages S2859–60**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Thursday, March 18, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S. 1172, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention. (S. Rept. No. 108–245)

S. 2096, to promote a free press and open media through the National Endowment for Democracy and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 108–246)

S. 2127, to build operational readiness in civilian agencies. (S. Rept. No. 108–247)

S. 2144, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2005, for the Peace Corps for fiscal year 2005 through 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal year 2005, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–248) **Page S2859**

Measures Passed:

The Garden Club of America: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 97, recognizing the 91st annual meeting of The Garden Club of America, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2936**

Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2842–53**

Adopted:

Bunning Amendment No. 2686, to accelerate the phase-in of the deduction relating to income attributable to domestic production activities. **Pages S2842–52**

Grassley (for Bayh) Amendment No. 2687, to provide for the extension of certain expiring provisions. **Pages S2842–51**

Grassley (for Bunning) Amendment No. 2882 (to Amendment No. 2687), to provide for the extension of the special net operating loss carryover provision. **Pages S2851–52**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 2881, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify provisions relating to overtime pay. **Pages S2852–53**

McConnell Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith the following amendment: **Page S2853**

McConnell (for Frist) Amendment No. 2886, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2853**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to recommit to the Committee on Finance (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 24, 2004. **Page S2853**

Appointments:

Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe Commission: Leo J. Hindery, Jr., of New York, and Gayle E. Smith, of Washington, D.C. **Page S2936**

Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, Section 104(c), 1(A), appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: Ms. Christine Vick of Washington, D.C. **Page S2936**

Executive Reports of Committee:

The following executive reports of committee were submitted on Thursday, March 18, 2004, during the adjournment:

By Mr. Lugar, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 99–10 Income Tax Convention with Sri Lanka (Exec. Rept. No. 108–11)

Treaty Doc. 108–9 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Sri Lanka (Exec. Rept. No. 108–11)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jonathan W. Dudas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Constance Berry Newman, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

R. Niels Marquardt, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

Mitchell B. Reiss, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Glen L. Bower, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years

after he takes office, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 2003.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, March 23, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2937.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEMENTIA

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain criminal situations involving seniors with dementia, focusing on a recent tragedy in Ocala, Florida, involving the death of a senior citizen suffering from dementia and the killing of a local police officer, after receiving testimony from Commander Gary Gotham, USN, Woodbridge, Virginia; Donna Cohen, University of South Florida Department of Aging and Mental Health, Tampa; Max B. Rothman, Florida International University College of Health and Urban Affairs, Miami; and Constantine G. Lykesos, Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 393, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009 (H. Rept. 108–441); and

H.R. 3973, to amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits and pay-as-you-go through fiscal year 2009, amended (H. Rept. 108-442).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging—Appointments: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House to the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging: Representatives Shaw and McKeon.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D255)

S. 2136, to extend the final report date and termination date of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, to provide additional funding for the Commission. Signed on March 16, 2004. (Public Law 108-207)

H.R. 506, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico. Signed on March 19, 2004. (Public Law 108-208)

H.R. 2059, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark. Signed on March 19, 2004. (Public Law 108-209)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's disease research, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Transportation Security Administration and the United States Coast Guard, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the transformation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, focusing on information technology, management and training, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of National Nuclear Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy relating to the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2005, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on Department of Defense financial management, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on fund operations and governance, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine use of scientific information in federal policy making, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine spyware, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the current status of United States and Mexico relations, focusing on immigration policy and the bilateral relationship, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, 2:30 p.m., 2154 RHOB.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine a proposed constitutional amendment to preserve traditional marriage, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the challenges and solutions involving the counterfeiting and theft of tangible intellectual property, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the impact of Internet fraud on seniors, focusing on congressional efforts to ensure that federal and state enforcement agencies take the proper steps to protect seniors and prosecute cybercriminals, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Education Programs, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources,

hearing entitled “Legal and Practical Issues Related to the Faith-Based Initiative,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1731, Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3693, Identity Theft Investigation and Prosecution Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, to continue hearings to assess the effectiveness of the current budget process and consider new reform and enforcement proposals—Part II, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on CIA Compensation Reform, 4 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, 2:30 p.m., 2154 RHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1637, Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 23

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

1. H.R. 958, Hydrographic Services Amendments of 2003;
2. H.R. 2408, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003;
3. H.R. 2489, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Distribution of Judgment Funds Act;
4. H.R. 3926, Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act; and
5. H. Res. 522, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women.

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